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While 14 years might seem like a long time to most people, in the terms of freeway construction it's barely enough time to get one's ducks in a row.

That's why the Arizona Department of Transportation on Wednesday will be hosting a meeting to garner public input on the upcoming State Route 801, which is slated to break ground in 2021.

Set to begin at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Liberty Elementary School, 19818 W. Highway 85, Buckeye, the meeting will focus on various alignment possibilities for the anticipated Interstate 10 reliever, which will run parallel to the oft-congested freeway and will connect the future Loop 303 to the forthcoming South Mountain Freeway.

SR 801's study area falls between Lower Buckeye Road and Southern Avenue, and Perryville Road and 51st Avenue. ADOT officials hope to decide on an alignment later this year.

Once complete, SR 801 will consist of six lanes, three in each direction, with enough space for two additional lanes in the future. It will provide future I-10 commuters with an alternate east-west route.

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